

THE ATTACK UPON THE BIBLE IN OUR DAY

Evolution

Theological Modernism

Atheism

New Age

-- The following quotes are from the excellent book *Reinventing Jesus Christ: The New Gospel* by Warren Smith (Ravenna, OH: Conscience Press, 2002).

-- **Alice Bailey** (1880-1949), channeled teachings from her "spirit guide"

"Humanity in all lands today awaits the Coming One--no matter by what name they may call him" (*The Reappearance of Christ*, p. 188).

"The Christian faith has served its purpose; its Founder seeks to bring a new Gospel and a new message that will enlighten all men everywhere" (*The Rays and the Initiations*, p. 754).

"The New Age is upon us and we are witnessing the birth pangs of the new culture and the new civilization. This is now in progress. That which is old and undesirable must go and of these undesirable things, hatred and the spirit of separation must be the first to go" (*The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 62).

"This is the challenge which today confronts the Christian church. The need is for vision, wisdom, and that wide tolerance which will see divinity on every hand and recognize the Christ in every human being" (*From Bethlehem to Calvary*, p. 273).

"The spirit has gone out of the old faiths and the true spiritual light is transferring itself into a new form which will manifest on earth eventually as the new world religion" (*Rays*, p. 754).

"Workers in the field of religion will formulate the universal platform of the new world religion. It is a work of loving synthesis and will emphasize the unity and the fellowship of the spirit" (*Reappearance*, p. 158).

"This inherent fanaticism (found ever in reactionary groups) will fight against the appearance of the coming world religion and the spread of esotericism" (*Externalisation*, p. 453).

"Therefore, in the new world order, spirituality will supercede theology; living experience will take the place of theological acceptances" (*Externalisation*, p. 202).

"Thus the expressed aims and efforts of the United Nations will be eventually brought to fruition and a new church of God, gathered out of all religions and spiritual groups, will unitedly bring to an end the great heresy of separateness" (*The Destiny of the Nations*, p. 152).

"Hate and separation must cease..." (*Externalisation*, p. 246).

Emphasis should be laid on the evolution of humanity with peculiar attention to its goal, perfection" (*Externalisation*, p. 588).

"[Purification] involves the elimination of all that hinders the nature of divinity from full expression..." (*Rays*, p. 84).

“A truth hard for the orthodox thinker of any faith to accept is the fact that Christ cannot return because He has always been here upon our Earth, watching over the spiritual destiny of humanity...” (Reappearance, p. 43).

“All the qualities, the love and the purpose of a supreme Entity, referred to in The New Testament as the ‘Unknown God,’ are focussed in Sanat Kumara” (Rays, p. 367).

“[B]ut each ray quality will serve to implement the expression of pure love, which is the essential and -- at this time -- the primary quality of the Lord of the World, Sanat Kumara” (Rays, p. 387).

In 1982 the book *The Reappearance of the Christ and the Masters of Wisdom* by **Benjamin Creme** got major publicity when Creme was interviewed by Merv Griffin on his television show. Creme said Christ had reappeared on earth with the name of **Maitreya** and had brought a large group of highly advanced disciples called Masters of wisdom to instruct the nations. On July 8, 1977 he left the Himalayas on an airplane and visited the chief cities of India. Maitreya’s purpose was to help us realize our divinity, to learn to live in oneness and harmony, to eliminate poverty and injustice and environmental pollution, and to bring in world peace. He would save mankind and the planet. A major means of bringing this about is meditation. Called Transmission Meditation, it enables the spiritual development of the practitioner and brings the “energy from the Masters” into the world.

Wayne Peterson, Creme’s disciple, published *Extraordinary Times, Extraordinary Beings* (2001). He teaches that Maitreya is the fulfillment of the longing of all religions--the Buddha of Buddhism, the Imam Mahdi of Islam, the reincarnation of Krishna for Hinduism, the Messiah of the Jews” (Peterson, *Extraordinary Times*, p. 38).

Mikhail Gorbachev acknowledged that he had met Maitreya and was working with him (4 - 10 In a November 2001 interview on the television program *Bridging Heaven and Earth*, broadcast from Santa Barbara, Peterson said Nelson Mandela is also working with Maitreya.

“In the esoteric tradition, the Christ is not the name of an individual but of an Office in the Hierarchy. The present holder of that Office, the Lord Maitreya, has held it for 2,600 years, and manifested in Palestine through His Disciple, Jesus, by the occult method of overshadowing, the most frequent form used for the manifestation of Avatars. He has never left the world, but for 2,000 years has waited and planned for this immediate future time, training His Disciples, and preparing Himself for the awesome task which awaits Him. He has made it known that this time, He Himself will come” (Creme, *The Reappearance of the Christ and the Masters of Wisdom*, p. 30).

“The Master is within you” (*Extraordinary Times*, p. 56).

“He comes now to release that energy of Will and an entirely new aspect of Divinity will be presented to mankind. This is the New Revelation. We have shown that we are ready because we are beginning to sense ourselves as One” (Creme, *The Reappearance of the Christ and the Masters of Wisdom*, p. 48).

“Men must desire these changes for themselves; and begin implementing them of their own free will -- thus showing they are ready for the new Revelation and Teaching which He brings” (Reappearance, p. 36).

“They stand ready to greet the dawn of that New Age which beckons all into divinity” (Maitreya, Messages from Maitreya the Christ, p. 238).

“You are God. I am God. This microphone is God. This table is God. All is God. And because all is God, there is no God” (Creme, Reappearance, p. 110).

“By the occult process of overshadowing, the Christ, Maitreya, took over and worked through the body of Jesus from the Baptism onwards” (Creme, Reappearance, p. 46).

“He [Jesus] is one of the Masters Who will very shortly return to outer work in the world, taking over the Throne of St. Peter, in Rome. He will seek to transform the Christian Churches, in so far as they are flexible enough to respond correctly to the new reality which the return of the Christ and the Masters will create” (Creme, Reappearance, p. 46).

“Within all men sits a God. That God is your true Self” (Maitreya, Messages, p. 110).

“The Master Jesus is going to reform the Christian churches” (Creme, Reappearance, p. 85).

“The Christ is the Embodiment of the energy we call the Christ Consciousness or Principle, the energy of the Cosmic Christ. It is released into the world for us by Maitreya, the Christ, and to the degree that it manifests in us, we will recognize Him” (Creme, Reappearance, pp. 48–49).

“Share with Me, My friends, in a Great Work -- nothing less than the transformation of this world” (Maitreya, Messages, p. 142).

“My Promise is this: if you will follow Me into the New Time, I shall release for you your divine nature” (Maitreya, Messages, p. 58).

“My friends, God is nearer to you than you can imagine. God is yourself. God is within you and all around you” (Maitreya, Messages, p. 88)

“My plan is to reveal Myself stage by stage, and to draw together around Me those enlightened souls through whom I may work” (Maitreya, Messages, p. 54).

“One day, very soon now, when enough people are responding to His Presence and His energy, the Christ will allow Himself to be discovered” (Creme, Reappearance, p. 49).

“One day soon, men and women all over the world will gather round their radio and television sets to hear and see the Christ: to see His face, and to hear His words dropping silently into their minds -- in their own language. In this way they will know that He is truly the Christ, the World Teacher; and in this way too, we will see repeated, only now on a world scale, the happenings of Pentecost; and in celebration of this event Pentecost will become a major festival of the New World Religion” (Creme, Reappearance, p. 37).

“But eventually a new world religion will be inaugurated which will be a fusion and synthesis of the approach of the East and the approach of the West. The Christ will bring together, not simply Christianity and Buddhism, but the concept of God transcendent -- outside of His creation -- and also the concept of God immanent in all creation -- in man and all creation” (Creme, Reappearance, p. 88).

“He comes, not as the Head of the Christian, or any other church, for that matter. It may be that the orthodox Christian leaders will be among the last to recognize the Christ. He is not the one and only Son of God, but the friend and Elder Brother of Humanity” (Creme, Reappearance, p. 49).

“The reason is the creation of the one humanity, the idea of the one humanity. This, above all, is the Plan of the Christ. Mankind itself is beginning to sense itself as One; in this coming time it will be One. It is our next step forward in evolution” (Creme, Reappearance, p. 151).

“When I make Myself known, I shall express the hope of all mankind for a new life, a new start, a readiness to change direction; to see the construction of a New World in which men can live in peace; can live free from fear of themselves or their brothers” (Maitreya, Messages, p. 18).

“A crisis of decision awaits mankind... Take care where you place your feet: on the steps which lead to tomorrow or -- oblivion” (Maitreya, Messages, pp. 130–131).

“My plan is to reveal to men that there exists for them but two paths. One will lead them inexorably to devastation and death. The other, My friends, My dear ones, will lead mankind straight to God” (Maitreya, Messages, p. 34).

“In this coming age many, many people will see God, as Sanat Kumara. They will come before Sanat Kumara and take the third Initiation. Even more will come before the Christ and take the first and second Initiations.) When you take the third Initiation you see God, as Sanat Kumara, the Lord of the World” (Creme, Reappearance, p. 135).

“He is our ‘Father.’ God is both within us and can be known--you can see God. My task is to bring you, My friends, before the Father, before the Gilded Throne of the Shining One, there to present you to Him and establish you within Our Ranks. My Prophecy holds: I shall take before the Father all who are ready in this coming time. That is the Task given to Me by Him Whom we together serve” (Maitreya, Messages, p. 126).

“But in the New Age vegetarianism will become the norm” (Creme, Reappearance, p. 194).

“On the Day of Declaration, I submit, everyone -- even the fundamentalists -- will know, through the overshadowing of the minds of all humanity -- a pentecostal experience for all -- that Maitreya is the Christ” (Creme, Maitreya’s Mission, Vol. 2, p. 239).

“The Master is within you. If you follow the disciplines of life the Teacher teaches you, the Master reveals himself within you. Do not be attached to the human form. The living truth is a matter of experience” (Maitreya, *Extraordinary Times, Extraordinary Beings*, p. 56).

“When enough people are responding to His teaching He will allow Himself to be discovered. They will go back to their countries and say that the Christ is in the world, and that you should look to that country from which a certain Teaching is emanating. This will draw the attention of the media of the world to that country, and hence to Him. He will acknowledge His true Status as the Christ and will be invited to speak to the world” (Creme, p. 51).

-- **Neale Donald Walsch** (In his book *Conversations with God: An Uncommon Dialogue*, Walsch claims that God spoke to him and told him the following:

“There are no such things as the Ten Commandments” (Book 1, p. 95).

“So who said Jesus was perfect?” (Book 1, p. 192).

“You are your own rule-maker” (Book 1, p. 41).

“Go, therefore, and teach ye all nations, spreading far and wide The New Gospel: WE ARE ALL ONE” (Friendship with God: An Uncommon Dialogue, 1999, p. 375).

“You are already a God” (Book 1, p. 202).

“Many have been Christed, not just Jesus of Nazareth. You can be Christed, too” (Book 2, p. 22).

“You are, quite literally, the Word of God, made flesh” (Friendship with God: An Uncommon Dialogue, 1999, p. 395)

“Evil is that which you call evil” (Book 1, p. 61).

“Think, speak, and act as the God You Are” (Book 1, p. 76).

“All of your life you have been told that God created you. I come now to tell you this: You are creating God” (Book 3, p. 256).

“The act of Adam and Eve was not original sin, but, in truth, first blessing” (Book 1, p. 56).

“You must realize that ‘atonement’ is just that--it is ‘at-one-ment.’ It is the awareness that you and all others are One. It is the understanding that you are One with everything--including me” (God allegedly speaking to Walsch, *Friendship with God*, p. 92).

“I have no preference in the matter [of marriage]” (Book 3, p. 219).

“Do you think George Lucas came up with that [may the force be with you] by accident?” (*Friendship with God*, p. 228).

“Listen to your feelings. Listen to your Highest Thoughts. Whenever any one of these differ from what you’ve been told by your teachers, or read in your books, forget the words. Words are the least reliable purveyor of Truth” (Book 1, p. 8).

“Our objective is to organize a new government for a new nation, to be built first in our imaginations and in cyberspace after we sign up as citizens by signing the new Declaration of Independence. We then intend to grow larger as a political force in the current structure at the same time we model a new one, and then take over increasingly the actual functions of government. We call our new country the United States of Being and we intend to be based on the sovereignty of the individual, rather than the sovereignty of the king, or the sovereignty of representatives” (Walsch and Brad Blanton, *Honest to God: A Change of Heart that Can Change the World*, 2002, p. 212).

“We must create a different reality, build a new society. ... We must do so with new spiritual truths. We must preach a new gospel, its healing message summarized in two sentences: We are all one. Ours is not a better way, ours is merely another way” (*Honest to God*, p. 159).

“I’ll tell you one thing, if Oprah didn’t want to run for President I’d suggest Marianne Williamsom, because she has the ability to articulate very important ideas very quickly, in a moment, with twenty-five words or less. ... Barbara Marx Hubbard needs to be in that group, too. In the cabinet” (Walsch, *Honest to God*, p. 200).

-- **Helen Schucman** (*A Course in Miracles*, 1979, was supposedly given to her by Jesus over a course of seven and a half years) The Christ is an office not a person; as the Christ was in Jesus so it can be in each of us. According to the Course in Miracles, Armagaddon can be avoided and world peace can be ushered in, if enough people will recognize their divinity and get with the New Age program. Those who resist the New Age doctrine are considered enemies of man’s evolution and of world peace. Love and oneness and unity must prevail, while intolerance and separation must be rejected. A key ingredient of the New Age is meditation through which people tune into the Christ-consciousness and find spiritual enlightenment and peace.

“There is no separation of God and his creation” (Text, p. 147).

“The recognition of God is the recognition of yourself” (Text, p. 147).

“Is he [Jesus] the Christ? Oh, yes, along with you” (Manual, p. 87).

“The name of Jesus Christ as such as but a symbol. ... It is symbol that is safely used as a replacement for the many names of all the gods to which you pray” (Manual, p. 58).

“Christ ... is the self we share, uniting us with one another, and with God as well” (Workbook, p. 431).

“Do not make the pathetic error of ‘clinging to the old rugged cross. ... This is not the gospel that I intended to offer to you” (Text, p. 52).

“There is no sin. It has no consequence” (Workbook, p. 183).

“The full awareness of the Atonement, then, is the recognition that the separation never occurred” (Text, p. 98).

“You cannot abide in peace unless you accept the Atonement, because the Atonement is the way to peace” (Text, p. 175).

“The Atonement is the final lesson he [man] need learn, for it teaches him that, never having sinned, he has no need of salvation” (Text, p. 237).

“The crucifixion did not establish the Atonement; the resurrection did. Many sincere Christians have misunderstood this” (Text, p. 36).

“A sick person perceives himself as separate from God” (Manual, p. 56).

“A universal theology is impossible, but a universal experience is not only possible but necessary” (Manual, p. 77).

“Truth can only be experienced. It cannot be described and it cannot be explained” (Text, p. 150).

“Words will mean little now. We use them but as guides on which we do not now depend. For now we seek direct experience of truth alone” (Workbook, p. 398).

-- **Marianne Williamson**, *A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of a Course in Miracles*, promoted by Oprah Winfrey. She is the co-founder with Neale of The Global Renaissance Alliance. She has been interviewed not only by Oprah, but also by Tom Brokaw on NBC and by Larry King on CNN.

“Jesus and the other enlightened masters are our evolutionary elder brothers” (p. 42).

“To remember that you are part of God, that you are loved and loveable, is not arrogant” (p. 30).

“The concept of a divine, or ‘Christ’ mind, is the idea that, at our core, we are not just identical, but actually the same being. ‘There is only one begotten Son’ doesn’t mean that someone else was it, and we’re not. It means we’re all it. There’s only one of us here” (pp. 30-31).

“You and I have the Christ-mind in us as much as Jesus does” (p. 42).

“Meditation is time spent with God in silence and quiet listening. It is the time during which the Holy Spirit has a chance to enter into our minds and perform His divine alchemy” (p. 281).

-- **Barbara Marx Hubbard** claims that she has received revelations from the “Christ voice,” beginning in 1966. One of her experiences was “an electrifying presence of light” and a “voice” that spoke to her in 1980 while she was at an Episcopalian monastery in Santa Barbara, California. She co-founded the World Future Society. Her books were funded by Laurance Rockefeller (brother of David Rockefeller) through the Fund for the Enhancement of the Human Spirit. She has published *The Revelation: A Message of Hope for the New Millennium* (1995), which is a supposed rewriting of Revelation by her and “the Christ.” She warns that in the future those who refuse to see themselves as “God” and “Christ” will be removed by a selection process through “the shock of a fire” (18). “The ‘second death’ is for those of you who cannot evolve by choice, due to some deeply seated error in your understanding of the nature of reality” (p. 267). “My beloved church misunderstood me. It preached the corruptibility of humanity when I came to demonstrate its potential for incorruptibility. It propounded the sinfulness of humanity when I

suffered to reveal your godliness and to overcome your guilt by demonstrating that you can totally rise above the death of the body” (p. 231).

“I did not suffer on the cross and rise again on the third day to show you what I could do, but what you can do. Yours is the power. Yours is the glory. That is my message to you” (p. 100).

“You were born to be me [Christ]. You were born to be partners with God” (p. 148).

“I cannot come to you unless you grow up to be my equal” (p. 75).

“I did not intend for you to deify me, but to deify yourselves as being at the same stage of evolution as I am” (p. 231).

“You all have the same master from within. That master is me, your higher self, the Christ within each of you who is, right now, hearing the same voice, seeing the same vision of the future, despite all differences of language and culture” (p. 243).

“The second death, for you, is a purification, an erasing of the memory of fear, through the shock of fire” (Revelation, p. 267).

“The alternative to Armageddon is the Planetary Pentecost. When a critical mass is in the upper room of consciousness on a planetary scale, each will hear from within, in their own language, the mighty words of God. All who are attuned will be radically empowered to be and do as Jesus did” (Revelation, p. 157).

“If those people who are not self-centered align their thoughts in perfect faith, that they are whole, created in the image of God, the world can be saved” (p. 157).

“The cancer of self-centeredness will be consumed by the experience of wholeness” (p. 245).

“At the time of the Quantum Instant there will be a judgment of the quick and the dead. That is, there will be an evolutionary selection process based on your qualifications for co-creative power” (p. 111).

“The species known as self-centered humanity will become extinct. The species known as whole-centered humanity will evolve” (p. 111).

“After the selection process, you will be born to the next stage of evolution. There will be a New Heaven, a New Earth, a new body and a new consciousness for all who survive” (p. 261).

“The New Jerusalem is the new city which emerges naturally from a New Heaven and a New Earth. It is the human community as a collectivity of natural Christs” (p. 258).

“The defect of carnivorous behavior will gradually be overcome. Eating meat will cease” (p. 263).

“There are two defects from which you suffer, carnivorous behavior and the illusion of separation from God” (p. 187).

“Our story is a birth. It is the birth of humankind as one body. What Christ and all great beings came to Earth to reveal is true. We are one body, born into this universe. GO TELL THE STORY OF OUR BIRTH” (The Revelation, p. 42).

“As the Planetary Smile ripples through the nervous systems of earth and the Instant of Co-operation begins, empathy floods the feelings of the whole body of Earth, separateness is overcome, and I appear to all of you at once. I appear to you from within as a voice, and as a vision of yourself as an evolving being. I appear to you from beyond as the light being that I now am. Your electronic media will pulse with light — the same light your mystics see” (Hubbard’s “Christ,” Revelation, p. 245).

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- Jesus walked on ice
- Moses was on drugs
- Jesus was married
- Chariots of the Gods. This popular 1968 book by Erich von Daniken presented the hypothesis that space travelers visited the earth in past millennia and taught mankind secrets in technology and religion. He interpreted the Bible in these terms, claiming, for example, that Ezekiel described an alien spacecraft and that biblical people were inspired by the extraterrestrials.